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## **ELECTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Restriction Action mailed September 19, 2005, which response is being made on or before October 19, 2005, for which no extension of time is required.

Applicants hereby elects Group VII, namely Claims 95-122, drawn to a method of increasing free carotenoids with esterase and an emulsifier.

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later time, additional applications claiming priority from the present application and its parent applications and which are directed to any one or more of the other inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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